

I am truly dismayed that Sinclair Broadcasting has chosen to force their affiliates to air a so-called documentary that is clearly anti-Kerry before the election. Such action shows the dangers of media consolidation.

As you know, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of mass-produced, dumbed-down news, we need to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you very much for your consideration.